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### **Florida KidCare added to the Special Session** *Senate President Tom Lee and House Speaker Allan Bense expand the Special Session call to take up changes to the KidCare program*

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Senate President Tom Lee and House Speaker Allan Bense today announced an expansion to the call for the upcoming Special Session.

Last Week, the President and Speaker called the legislature into Special Session for the week of December 13th for the purpose of establishing the constitutionally mandated Voluntary Pre-K program and addressing several Hurricane-related issues. Although changes to the KidCare program were not included at the time, the President and Speaker acknowledged the possibility of adding the issue to the upcoming Special Session as additional information was gathered.

“Ensuring that all children have access to quality and affordable health care is of critical importance,” said Speaker Bense. “We now have the facts we need to address enrollment issues relating to the KidCare program. During this Special Session, we will look for ways to strike a better balance between accountability and availability of these services.”

Senate President Tom Lee added, “Florida has done an excellent job working with families to enroll children in the KidCare program – but we can do even better. Adding this issue to the Special Session agenda is another demonstration of the Legislature’s commitment to making sure that affordable health care is available to all children in Florida.”

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